GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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LOSS MAKING ROUTES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various main and branch railway routes are incurring losses during the last three years, route-wise/year-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to overcome such losses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) `Yes, Sir`.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) Low density of traffic, short-lead and severe competition from road traffic, are some of the reasons making branch lines unviable.

(d) The Railways have taken a number of steps such as curtailment in staff, reductionin number of train services and observance of economy in operations. Recently, Ministry of Railways have also constituted a Committee of Railway Officers to analyze the data pertaining to expenditure and revenue of all 126 loss making lines to identify the reasons for losses and suggest ways and means to reduce them.